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1. AMBASSADOR MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA ON MARCH 12. GLIGA IS SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEGAL QUESTIONS.

2. OUTLOOK. GLIGA SAID GOR'S ASSESSMENT, WHICH OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES SHARED AT PACT LOS CONSULTATIONS AT WARSAW IN FEBRUARY, WAS THAT AN AGREED TEXT PROBABLY WAS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT AT NEW YORK LOS CONFERENCE. GLIGA DID NOT FAVOR SETTING ASIDE ISSUES TOO THORNY TO SOLVE OR OPTING FOR NARROWED SCOPE; THIS WAY NOTHING WOULD GET SETTLED. GOR AND REST OF PACT WANT ALL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS NAILED DOWN NO MATTER HOW FAR APART VIEWS YET SEEM. PACT STATES AGREED TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT AT NEW YORK IN ALL AREAS BUT DID NOT EXCLUDE HAVING YET ANOTHER ROUND LATER THIS YEAR IF NEEDED.

3. SUBSTANCE. GLIGA SUPPORTED "LEGITIMATE" INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INDICATED THIS WILL BE GOR DELEGATION'S SLANT. ROMANIA SUBSCRIBED TO 12-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, BUT FELT SOME COMPROMISE FORMULA MUST BE REACHED WITH STATES SEEKING COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OUT OF 200 MILES THROUGH PROVIDING THEM WITH SIGNIFICANT RIGHTS IN ECONOMIC ZONE. AT WARSAW MEETING IT APPEARED THAT SOME OF THE LDC'S HAD BEEN CONVEYING FLEXIBILITY PROVIDING SUCH RIGHTS WERE MAINTAINED. SOME REASONABLE COMPROMISE OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES

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AS WELL, IN SPITE OF PRESENTLY EXAGGERATED DEMANDS. BECAUSE THE

GOR'S NOW RATHER MODEST FISHING FLEET WAS DUE FOR SOME EXPANSION, THE GOR WANTED A PIECE OF FISHERY RIGHTS IN ALL ECONOMIC ZONES. WHATEVER "ORGANS" WERE SET UP, GOR ADVOCATED "DEMOCRATIC" STRUCTURES WHEREBY JURIDICAL EQUALITY FOR ALL WAS NOT DILUTED BY ADVANTAGES TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES MIGHT INITIALLY POSSESS. GOR FAVORED FREE NAVIGATION INCLUDING INNOCENT PASSAGE FOR MILITARY VESSELS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING PRACTICES AND CONVENTIONS (E.G. MONTREUX). IN GENERAL, GOR DELEGATION HAD LOOSE "ELASTIC" INSTRUCTIONS BUT WOULD IN ANY CASE PARTICULARLY HEED LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING STATES.

4. TEXT. AT WARSAW, OPINION WAS THAT EXISTING UNOFFICIAL TEXT MIGHT AT LEAST BE "TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT". ONE WAY MIGHT BE TO COLLECT AND DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO TEXT (GLIGA UNDERSTOOD U.S. HAD MORE THAN 500). BASED ON THESE, ANOTHER TEXT COULD BE CONSTRUCTED AND BOTH TEXTS THEN DEEMED "OFFICIAL" AND MERGED. OR, PREVIOUS TEXT COULD BE DISCUSSED, TOGETHER WITH AMENDMENTS, AND ULTIMATELY PRONOUNCED "OFFICIAL". GOR ITSELF HAS RELATIVELY FEWER AMENDMENTS BUT CAN ACCEPT EITHER METHOD FAVORED BY MAJORITY.

5. DELEGATION. MFA'S DUMITRU MAZILU WAS ALREADY IN NEW YORK, TO BE FOLLOWED BY GHEORGHE SAULESCU, FNU POP AND FNU CIOBOTARU. TUDOR MIRCEA, GLIGA THOUGHT, WILL REMAIN AS BUCHAREST BACKUP. DELEGATION WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. DELEGATION.
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